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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/10/2007

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES SB 709

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$75,000	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 709 appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the African-American Student Services Program and operations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED indicates that the African American Student Services Program at UNM offers culturally relevant programs designed primarily to assist African American students in achieving success at UNM. The program provides an environment that is sensitive to the unique culture and history of African Americans. The services and programs offered include Advocacy and

Liaison, Academic Advising, Emotional Support, Environment, Financial/Employment Assistance, Community Relations, Referrals, Cultural Programming, Student Organizations, and Black Greek Organizations. The funds requested would support the African American Student Services Program in administering services.

Currently, there are 781 African American students enrolled at UNM. The majority of these students are undergraduates. The program focuses on student retention efforts and reports that they have a student retention rate of 78.5%.

HED points out that this appropriation was not on the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and was not included in the HED's funding recommendation for FY08.

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